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1. During 1953 there appeared to be a serious shortage of all types of drugs and medical supplies in Shanghai.<sup>1</sup> Most drugs were available only on prescription by a physician. Because of a shortage of serum, smallpox vaccinations appeared to have been discontinued for the general public during the latter part of 1953.<sup>2</sup>
2. Hospitals and other medical facilities in Shanghai were adequate for treatment of civilians in 1953 but were hampered by the shortage of medical supplies.

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1. Other available information indicates that there was an adequate supply of drugs in Shanghai during 1953. [REDACTED] 25X1A  
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in July 1953 there was no shortage of medicine in Shanghai, although prices were very high. Penicillin and streptomycin were freely and amply available in pharmacies in Shanghai in November 1953, [REDACTED] 25X1A  
According to information from another agency, obtained from a doctor who left Shanghai in early July 1953, drugs and anti-biotics were in general readily available in Shanghai, although some could be obtained only with a doctor's prescription.

2. In the summer of 1953 smallpox was among the sera and vaccines in abundant supply in Communist China, [REDACTED] 25X1A  
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